REMARKS

Claims 1 to 21, 23, and 24 were pending and allowed. Applicant has added claims 1 to 21, 23, and 24, and added new claims 26 to 48.

Applicant has amended claims 1 to 21, 23, and 24 to recite a "non-transitory" computer-readable storage medium in the preamble to better present the claims as patentable subject matter. Applicant has also made claim 2 dependent from claim 1 as claim 1 is patentable. Applicant further amended claims 7, 11, 14, 15, 16, 19, and 20 to use consistent terms and correct antecedent errors.

Applicant has added new method claims 26 to 48, which parallel product claims 1 to 21, 23, and 24. New claims 26 to 48 are patentable subject matter as they tie the central steps of the recited method to a programmed processor. New claims 26 to 48 are supported by paragraph 18 of the specification, which states that "[m]ethod 100 … may be implemented in software executed by a computer or firmware embedded into digital cameras, printers, scanners, mobile phones." No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to allow all pending claims. Should the Examiner have any questions, please call the undersigned at (408) 382-0480.

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